allotment of New ECC has already commenced by the Central Excise Department. Since the existing administrative machinery of Central Excise Department is doing the allotment of New ECC Number, no additional expenditure will be incurred.

Services in IT Department

1304. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Income Tax collection during the financial year, State-wise;

(b) what is the total number of assessees as on date;

(c) what steps are being take to being more people under assessment scheme; and

(d) whether it is a fact that services in IT department are far from better and if so, the steps taken to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) State-wise break-up of total income tax collection during the current financial year is not readily available since such break up is computed only after closing of accounts. However, Chief Commissioner-wise break up of total income tax collection upto November, 1999 is given in statement. (*See* below.)

(b) Total number of assessees as on 31.10.1999 is 2,00,04,149.

(c) The following major steps have been taken to bring more people under assessment scheme:—

(i) The scope of 1/6 scheme has been extended this year to cover 19 new centres in addition to the existing 35 centres.

(ii) Carrying out verification on a regular basis.

(iii) Information relating to tax deducted at source is being matched with the existing assessees to find out new assessees.

(iv) Data relating to application/allotment of Permanent Account Number is also being matched with the data base of existing assessees.

(v) Extensive and targeted publicity campaigns making full use of the electronic and print media.

(d) Services in the Income Tax Department have significantly improved over last few years. To further improve the services, following steps are being taken:—

(i) Distribution of Taxpayers Information Series in the form of booklets/brochures.

(ii) Opening of Information and facilitation counters at various centres.

(iii) Launching of website by the Department to give the relevant details and make available all types of forms.

(iv) Operationalisation of the Citizen's Charter.

(v) Progressive computerisation.

(vi) Various tax friendly amendments in the Act towards simplification of the laws and procedures.

Statement

Chief Commissioner-Wise Break up of Collection of Corporation Tax and Income Tax upto November, 1999

	CORPORATION TAX	INCOME TAX
CCIT REGIONS	COLLECTION UPTO NOVEMBER, 1999	
1	2	3
	(Rupees in crores)	
Ahmedabad	342.4	706.72
Bangalore	349.18	845.72
Bhopal	246.54	240.16
Mumbai	4428.11	3196.37
Calcutta	510.58	647.53
Cochin	127.13	211.92

1	2	3
Hyderabad	241.08	452.76
Jaipur	19.82	193.66
Chennai	679.93	913.33
Delhi	2386.57	1736.33
Chandigarh	165.6	530.58
Kanpur	633.18	260.68
Lucknow	46.31	225.76
Pune	281.19	717.62
Patna	341.26	350.16
Total	10798.88	11229.30
CTDS (upto October)	8.07	397.08
Grand Total	10806.95	11626.38

New Facilities by LIC

1305. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new facilities likely to be provided by LIC towards the new millennium; and

(b) what other steps proposed to be taken to compete with private players in the event of opening up of insurance sector to private parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Following are the new facilities likely to be provided by the LIC in the coming years.

1. In addition to the Metro Area Network and Interactive Voice Response System already established at Mumbai, Chennai, Delhi and Bangalore, these facilities are to be extended to Calcutta, Hyderabad, Pune and Ahmedabad. Some more